the question. The present incumbent's fitness for the work is his qualification.

ii. The gentleman in charge is designated "Honorary Superintendent", neither more nor less.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, will the Hon'ble Member state whether the fitness for the work of the present Curator of the Museum was ascertained by antecedents or by examination?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I want notice.

Appointments.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

68. Will the Government be pleased to lay separate statements on the table, regarding the Huzur Secretariat and the Departments of Revenue, Police, Forest, Agriculture and Industries, showing:—

(i) the number of men newly entertained in each department during the last decade;

(ii) the positions occupied and the salaries drawn at present in Government service by the men so entertained; and

(iii) the classification of the men so entertained according to their castes and creeds?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Government cannot undertake to collect statistics for the long period of 10 years, as it involves a very laborious process, and as, in the opinion of the Government, no practical and public purpose will be served thereby.

The Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

69. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the opinions it has obtained from experts regarding the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., and its working?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Government cannot furnish such information without the permission of the Company.

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Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, will the Hon'ble Member kindly state in what manner the permission of the Company becomes necessary for the publication of expert opinion obtained by the Government in the interest of the Government?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I require notice.

APPENDIX 1.

Agreement entered into between the Diwan of Cochin on behalf of the Cochin Government on one part and the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., on the other part.

(1) That the said Company agrees to pay to the Government the cost of acquisition of the lands, as per annexed schedule.

(2) That the Government agrees to transfer these lands to the said Company on *Pandaravaka Verumpattam* tenure.

(3) That the said Company agrees to commence the necessary works, as soon as the lands are handed over to the Company, and execute them by the end of May 1921, and maintain the works as long as the Company exists.

(4) That the said Company agrees to hold the lands on *Pandaravaka Verumpattam* tenure and pay the assessment to be fixed by the Government.

(5) That the public shall have the right to use the work in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company as approved by the Government.

(6) That the said Company agrees to pay also any other charges that the Darbar may have to incur in connection with the acquisition of the lands, as per schedule annexed.

In token thereof, we, the Directors of the said Company, do set our hands and common seal of the Company this day the Twenty-nineth September 1920 in the presence of the following witnesses :—

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